

Husband's Name:

GIOVANNI MADDALENA

Born: 6 April 1817 Piedimonte d'Alife, Terra di Lavoro, Regno delle Due Sicilie ¹
 Married: 25 May 1845 Piedimonte d'Alife, Terra di Lavoro, Regno delle Due Sicilie
 Died:
 Father: PIETRO MADDALENA (? to 2 May 1836)
 Mother: CATARINA PEPE (1773/7 to 29 December 1847)

Wife's Name:

MARIA ROSA D'AMBROSA

Born: 10 July 1824 Piedimonte d'Alife, Terra di Lavoro, Regno delle Due Sicilie
 Died:
 Father: TOMMASO D'AMBROSA (1743/62 to 10 May 1834)
 Mother: FELICIA SACCO (1775/87 to 31 March 1867)

Where: *Provincia di Terra di Lavoro*

Issue:	Born:	<i>Regno delle Due Sicilie</i>
1. FILOMENA MADDALENA	11 April 1846	Piedimonte d'Alife
2. VINCENZO MADDALENA	26 April 1848	Piedimonte d'Alife
3. MICHELE MADDALENA	22 May 1850	Piedimonte d'Alife
4. LUIGI MADDALENA	7 August 1852	Piedimonte d'Alife
5. GIUSEPPE MADDALENA	17 March 1854	Piedimonte d'Alife
6. VITTORIA MADDALENA	27 June 1856	Piedimonte d'Alife
7. DAVIDE MADDALENA	18 September 1858	Piedimonte d'Alife
8. MARCELLINO MADDALENA	30 November 1860	Piedimonte d'Alife
<i>Regno d'Italia</i>		
9. CONCETTA MADDALENA	1 February 1863	Piedimonte d'Alife
10. CONCETTA MADDALENA	25 February 1864	Piedimonte d'Alife
11. FELICE MADDALENA	22 April 1867	Piedimonte d'Alife ²

There have been many changes in the area for 200 years. In 1815 the *Regno di Napoli*, Kingdom of Naples, became part of the combined *Regno delle Due Sicilie*, Kingdom of the Two Sicilies, with GIUSEPPE BONAPARTE as King (and later resident of Bordentown). In 1861 it was absorbed by the *Regno d'Italia*, the Kingdom of Italy. In 1816 the *Province of Terra di Lavoro* lost its southern lands when a separate *Province of Naples* was created. Since 1861, the 20 larger *Regioni* in Italy, similar to our States, have assumed most of the power. The *Regioni di Campania* has 4 Provinces and the city of Naples. Piedimonte d'Alife became the jurisdictional center for several neighboring towns including Dragoni, Caiazzo and Piano di Caiazzo, Alvignano, and many others. All official business including paying taxes, recording deeds, getting a marriage license, presenting for military duty and so on was conducted at Piedimonte.³ In 1927 the huge *Province of Terra di Lavoro* was dismantled; parts in the northwest joined the Province of Frosinone; the central part, with Piedimonte d'Alife, joined Benevento to the north; and the western part went to Campobasso. The coastal lands and the Pontine Islands were taken

in 1934 to create the new Province of Latina. The central areas of the old province were resurrected in 1945 as the *Province of Caserta*. The name of the town was changed to *Piedimonte Matese* in 1970. The official reason given was that it reflected the towns' strategic importance to the Matese Plateau, but, in reality, it reflected the loss of importance of its namesake city of Alife.

GIOVANNI and MARIA posted notice of their *Intent to Marry* on the doors of City Hall on 4 May 1845 and they received their license on 23 May. The witnesses for the license were LUIGI ANTONUCCI, NUNCIO D'FRACESO, MARENO BESO and GIUSEPPE TERRAZZO. The ceremony was performed at the *Basilica di Santa Maria Maggiore* on 25 May. The witnesses were PIETRO MASELLO and FRANCESCO GIRIBONI. After their marriage they lived on *Strada Piasetta*, probably near GIOVANNI's father. GIOVANNI was a blacksmith and MARIA was a spinner for the local mill. By 1848 they moved off *Strada Piasetta* and in 1850 they were on *Strada Crocevia*, southeast of the town center. In 1852 they were on *Strada Ponte* and MARIA was a seamstress. 1854 finds them on *Strada Molino* (Mill Street); in 1856 and 1858 they were back on *Strada Crocevia*. By 1860 they were again living on *Strada Molino*. The birth report of the second CONCETTA in 1864 finds them living in the north part of town at *No. 17 via Torano*. In 1867 they were living on *Strada Ponte del Molina* when GIOVANNI, son of PIETRO, registered the birth of their son FELICE, *FELIX*, on the 25th of April. Still a blacksmith, he was now 50 and his wife MARIA ROSA D'AMBROSA was 42. The registration is not on the usual form but is fully handwritten which may be one reason why MARIA is identified as *the daughter of the deceased FELIX* without a second parent named. Her mother FELICIA had passed away 3 weeks earlier and when asked for parent's names, GIOVANNI said FELICIA. The clerk entered the masculine form of the name where the father's name would be entered.

They belonged to the parish of the *Basilica di Santa Maria Maggiore*. All their children were baptized in the Basilica. No record of military service has been found for GIOVANNI. No death certificates for GIOVANNI or MARIA have been located in the Caserta archives.

ANNA BALDINI, daughter of GIOVANNI CARUSO, and MARCELLINO CARUSO, son of VINCENZO CARUSO lived at 10 via Sorgente until 1869. Both families had long ties to the town but ANNA and GIOVANNI moved to the city of Naples where, in 1873, their son ENRICO was born. The son studied music and is the world-renowned tenor ENRICO CARUSO.⁴

ISSUE:⁵

- 1) FILOMENA MADDALENA:
- 2) VINCENZO MADDALENA: blacksmith; at 22 he married the 42-year-old CAROLINA DEL SANTA daughter of PAOLO and RACHELE PATERNO in Piedimonte d'Alife on 23 April 1870.⁶
- 3) MICHELE (MICHAEL) MADDALENA: Emigrated to Buenos Aires, Argentina. He may have been in New Haven with brother MARCELLINO from 1901 to 1907 where a MICHELE MADDALENA was employed by Sargent & Co., the same place that MARCELLINO was employed until 1902 at least. This New Haven MICHELE was a border living at 71 Broad in 1901, 70 Congress Ave. in 1906 and 798 Grand Ave. in 1907. Interesting, a SALVATORE MADDALENA also lived at 798 Grand Ave. in 1902.
- 4) LUIGI MADDALENA: married MARIA ELEMENTINA FERRITO in Potito Lovitico on 9 January 1882. Emigrated from Italy and established himself in Buenos Aires, Argentina with his

brother MICHELE.

- 5) **GIUSEPPE MADDALENA:** baptized on 18 March 1854. (see separate file)
- 6) **VITTORIA MADDALENA:** baptized 28 June 1856; married PASQUALE GRANDE at 1 pm on Tuesday, 30 December 1884 at City Hall in Piedimonte d'Alife. She is described as the 28-year-old *lady of the house* and he a 37-year-old farmer and a native of the town being the son of ALESSANDRO GRANDE and MARIA DOMENICA PIETROSIMONE.⁷
- 7) **DAVIDE MADDALENA:**
- 8) **MARCELLINO MADDALENA:** a 27-year-old blacksmith married RESTITUTA CANUTA, 24-years-old, parents unknown, at Noon on Thursday, 24 May 1888 at City Hall in Piedimonte d'Alife. The marriage entry in the *Registri* states she was born in Piedimonte d'Alife.⁸ Another MADDALENA researcher believes she may have been born in Dragoni located a short distance south of Alife. He has found her name in various records as *RESCIHITA CANNTA*, *MARIA RESTITTATA*, *MARIA IAMATEN*, and *MARY GIAMETTI*. Her parents have been named as *GIUSEPPE MARTINO* and _____ *GIUDITTA*. Identifying the correct one has been elusive however *MARIA MARTINO* was given by her husband on her death certificate which confuses the picture even more. They emigrated to the U.S., arriving on the *Assyria* in New York City on 2 April 1893, just 4 months after MARCELLINO's brother GIUSEPPE. The ship's passenger list included a daughter named GIOVANNINA who has yet to be clearly identified.⁹ The New Haven directories have MARCELLINO living at 91 Oak as a border in 1894, '95, and '96; and as a border in 1897 at 4 Dow. He was employed by Sargent & Co. through 1902. In 1898 and '99 they lived at 440 Congress Ave. In 1901 they lived at 22 Rose Street and 14 Palmer. In 1902 they are at 75 County. In 1903 they are found at 81 Oak Street in New Haven. In early March 1903, RESTITUTA, about 8 months pregnant, came down with pneumonia and died on 15 March 1903. She was attended to by WILLIAM F. VERDI, M.D. and was buried in *Saint Lawrence Cemetery*. According to BARBARA COSTANZO, MARCELLINO's daughters raised VINCENZO. From 1906 to 1908 MARCELLINO was living at 29 Springside Avenue and was employed by Griest Manufacturing Company through 1913. From 1909 to 1911 he lived at 1 Sherman, then 26 Vine in 1913 and 1914. In 1921 and '22 he appears as a machinist living at 660 Congress Avenue. In 1923 and '24 he is found at 893 Congress Avenue. In 1925 MARCELLINO was living in West Haven, CT as the Anglicized MARSHALL. In 1927 he appears again in New Haven as a dishwasher living at 83 Chestnut. He is supposed to have moved to Newark, NJ in 1928 where he stayed for an, as yet, undetermined amount of time. He returned to New Haven by 1936 where he lived at 12 Garden with his son DOMINIC until his death. He died in New Haven on 17 April 1938 and is interred in Saint Bernard's Cemetery, New Haven.
 - a) **CARMELA MADDALENA:** born 6 June 1894, baptized Saint Michael's Church, New Haven, CT. on 8 June 1894, known as ANNA
 - b) **MARIA ROSA MADDALENA:** born 26 October 1895, baptized Saint Michael's Church, 17 November 1895, known as Rose.
 - c) **GIUSEPPE (JOSEPH) MADDALENA:** born 15 March 1897, baptized 30 March 1897, Saint Michael's Church, died at 11 months old.
 - d) **DOMINIC J. MADDALENA:** born 4 August 1898, New Haven, Connecticut; baptized 4 September 1898, Saint Michael's Church; adopted surname spelling of MADDELENA; he

worked for Emanulson's Bakery, first as a breadwrapper (1921-'22) and as a salesman (1929-'34), he probably lived with his father until marrying. He married SARAH DAVIDOW, 15 August 1928 in New Haven; they lived at 21 Garden from 1929 to '33, 453 Orchard in 1934 and '35 and at 12 Garden Street from 1936 to '38 at least. By 1935 he was a chauffeur working at 1455 State and he continued there until 1938 at least. They also lived at 723 Washington Avenue, West Haven, Connecticut. This was SARAH's second marriage, her first husband being JACK NAHMIAS. They had JACK M. NAHMIAS in Rochester, New York in 1928. Their son died 23 September 2019 in Inverness, Florida where he was buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery. DOMINIC died 26 September 1973, interred at All Saints Cemetery, North Haven, Connecticut.

- i) CHARLES MARCEL MADDELENA: born 15 June 1929 in New Haven, Connecticut; married first ELAINE BUTRICO on 17 June 1950. ELAINE died 1 March 1965.
 - (1) CAROL ANN MADDELENA: born 26 September 1952; married CALDWELL, lives in Georgia.
 - (2) ROBERT MADDELENA: born 2 October 1956; lives in Saint Augustine, Florida. CHARLES married second LUCILLE ANN SAVINO on 27 November 1965 in West Haven, Connecticut.
 - (3) MICHAEL CECIL MADDELENA: born 27 August 1966, married 29 April 1994 to ALICIA ANN SINGER in Beacon Falls, Connecticut; lives in Oxford, Connecticut, divorced May 2000. MICHAEL married YASMIN.
 - (a) ISABELLA LUCIA MADDELENA: born 23 October 2015.
- e) VINCENZO (aka JAMES) MADDALENA: born 28 August 1901, baptized 10 Nov. 1901 at Saint Michael's Church, New Haven; married ELEANOR SANTOMASSIMO (born 13 June 1905, died 20 January 1988 in New Haven); VINCENZO died 13 May 1966 in New York City.
 - i. JAMES MADDALENA: (born 15 April 1934, died January 1979) possibly moved to New York City. Was married or had children as Social Security death benefits were claimed by a survivor in New Haven.
 - 1. BARBARA MADDALENA: born in New Haven, married GEORGE COSTANZO. Their children are:
 - a. GEORGE COSTANZO: born 9 Aug. 1956, is a doctor of chiropractic in Southington, CT.
 - b. Lisa Costanzo
 - c. Mark Costanzo
 - 2. ELEANOR MADDALENA
 - f) (Son) born prematurely a few days before MARIA died on 15 March 1903.
- 9) CONCETTA MADDALENA (1): apparently died young.
- 10) CONCETTA MADDALENA (2): was baptized 26 February 1864, married BERNARDO DEgni on 27 November 1902 in Piedimonte d'Alife. This marriage is noted on the birth certificate of CONCETTA (1). In the WW I military records of ALBERT MATELENA, BERNARDO, listed as *UNCLE FRANK*, is listed as his nearest relative. CONCETTA and BERNARDO moved to Alife where CONCETTA was killed 5 October 1943 as the United States military advanced from the south, driving the German forces back. The B-25's of the Tactical Bombing Force had been targeting Alife for some time, culminating in a devastating raid on 12 October. The 135th

Infantry Regiment entered the bomb-blasted town on 20 October and secured the position shortly thereafter. The 45th Infantry Regiment took Piedimonte d'Alife on the same day.

- 11) FELICE MADDALENA: was married on 21 February 1891 to MARIA D'ANCONA, (b. 24 October 1869) daughter of PASQUALE D'ANCONA and ANNA PITÒ, being the 8th marriage of that year. He died 30 January 1898 in Piedimonte d'Alife.

Notes:

Another Vincenzo Maddalena, son of Giovanni, was born in Piedimonte d'Alife c1842, 6 years before the son of Giovanni and Maria Rosa. His mother was Antonia Parza(?) and was dead when Vincenzo, 29, living in Castello, married Filomena Zapolla in Castello on 31 December 1871. The Piedimonte officials received notification of this marriage and it is found in 1872 Matrimonio, No. 2 (this may be in the main marriage register or in a supplemental register; copy of pp 2 & 3 in Primary Sources>Original Scans>Original docs and ws of unknown persons as Maddalena Vin s Gio ML 1871.jpg). Given Giovanni's age of 28 when he married Maria Rosa in 1845, it is entirely possible that Maria Rosa was Giovanni's second wife with his first being Antonia and this Vincenzo being their son. Need to find if Giovanni and Maria Rosa's marriage entry notes theirs as being a second marriage for him and/or if the death of Antonia was before May 1845 and/or locate the marriage of Giovanni and Antonia which will name their parents.

Mariantonio Maddalena, 24, Castello d'Alife, tailor, arrived NYC from Genoa on 10 March 1898 on *Kaiser Wilhelm I*

ENDNOTES

¹ Vital record information obtained from Archivio di Stato di Caserta, Italy or, when noted, from familysearch.org

² Stato Civile di Piedimonte d'Alife (Caserta) Nascita, 1867, No. 90, familysearch.org citation: "Italia, Caserta, Santa Maria Capua Vetere, Stato Civile (Tribunale), 1866-1929," Piedimonte d'Alife > Nati, pubblicazioni, matrimoni, morti, cittadinanze 1866-1875 Nati, pubblicazioni, matrimoni 1876 > images 473 - 474 of 2988; Tribunale di Santa Maria Capua Vetere (Santa Maria Capua Vetere Court, Santa Maria Capua Vetere) Film roll 1801329, DGS 7063122.

³ Mary Jane Phillips-Matz. Rosa Ponselle, American Diva. (Northeastern University Press, Lebanon, New Hampshire; 1977)

⁴ *supra*. Phillips-Matz. Ponselle. 1st ch. <https://archive.nytimes.com/www.nytimes.com/books/first/p/philips-ponselle.html>

⁵ Information on issue obtained from birth certificates and obituary of Joseph Matelena (Giuseppe Maddalena).

⁶ Stato Civile di Piedimonte d'Alife (Caserta) Matrimonio, 1870, No. 23, familysearch.org citation: "Italia, Caserta, Santa Maria Capua Vetere, Stato Civile (Tribunale), 1866-1929," Piedimonte d'Alife > Nati, pubblicazioni, matrimoni, morti, cittadinanze 1866-1875 Nati, pubblicazioni, matrimoni 1876 > images 1222 of 2988; Tribunale di Santa Maria Capua Vetere (Santa Maria Capua Vetere Court, Santa Maria Capua Vetere) Film roll 1801329, DGS 7063122.

⁷ Registri dello Stato Civile di Piedimonte d'Alife (Caserta); Matrimonio, 1888, No. 43; "Italia, Caserta, Santa Maria Capua Vetere, Stato Civile (Tribunale), 1866-1929," Piedimonte d'Alife > Morti, cittadinanze 1876 Nati, pubblicazioni, matrimoni, morti, cittadinanze 1877-1893 Nati 1894 > image 2144 of 3021; Tribunale di Santa Maria Capua Vetere (Santa Maria Capua Vetere Court, Santa Maria Capua Vetere). Film roll 1801411, DGS 7063123.

⁸ Registri dello Stato Civile di Piedimonte d'Alife (Caserta); Matrimonio, 1884, No. 24; "Italia, Caserta, Santa Maria Capua Vetere, Stato Civile (Tribunale), 1866-1929," Piedimonte d'Alife > Morti, cittadinanze 1876 Nati, pubblicazioni, matrimoni, morti, cittadinanze 1877-1893 Nati 1894 > image 1706 of 3021; Tribunale di Santa Maria Capua Vetere (Santa Maria Capua Vetere Court, Santa Maria Capua Vetere). Film roll 1801411, DGS 7063123.

⁹ Michael Maddalena, Oxford, CT, letters with copies of records to author from 27 October 1995 through 9 September 1998.